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Applicant: TAKAFUNMI MATSUMURA ET AL.
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Title: GAS FLOW METER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments to the specification prior to the examination of the application. A marked-up copy of the designated portions of the specification showing all changes made is attached as an appendix.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 4 of the specification at lines 13-24 as follows:

A1 The circuit of Fig. 28 is one type of a commonly used constant voltage circuit in which a voltage applied to a connection terminal VBB for the battery causes a current to flow through the current limiting resistor R to the Zener diode ZD. When an overvoltage is applied, the voltage of the power supply terminal Vcc to various circuits is clamped by a Zener voltage of the Zener diode ZD to put an overvoltage protection into action.

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